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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006, of which this Reply is filed within the three month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following remarks:

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